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**UNLICENSED DOG BREEDER IN GARNETT, KANSAS KILLS DOGS DURING
STATE SEIZURE**

TOPEKA, October 13, 2004. - Acting under a District Court search warrant and an Emergency Order of Seizure signed by the state Livestock Commissioner, the Kansas Animal Health Department seized 37 live Dachshunds, 1 cat and 4 kittens on Tuesday, October 12, 2004.

Shortly after the search warrant was served on the dogs' owner, Danny Berry, Berry stated the State was not going to take his dogs away, grabbed a metal pipe and ran for the kennel. He killed one dog before following an order from the county sheriff's deputy to drop the pipe. He then grabbed the Dachshunds by their hind legs, swung them in the air and smashed their heads against dog houses and fencing. He killed four dogs and injured three others. The injured dogs required immediate veterinary care. After several minutes, the deputy was able to restrain Berry and the Department removed the dogs.

The Department wants to thank the Anderson County Sheriff's Department for their assistance. The Deputy acted "immediately and appropriately to stop Berry" said Debra Duncan, Director of the Animal Facilities Inspection Program. "Danny was single minded and focused on one thing – viciously killing the dogs." Duncan said.

The Department secured the search warrant based on conditions that threatened the dog's health, safety or welfare. Conditions noted on the premise included dogs which were very thin with extremely low body scores; vertebrae, hips and ribs were prominent and their abdomens were distended; very few of the dogs had any food in food receptacles. Most dogs had no potable water and the inside of the whelp house appeared not to have been cleaned in weeks.

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